

Colonel Vincent C. Carnazza Jr.

COL Vincent Carnazza fulfilled the requirements for ROTC while earning a Master's of Science Degree, Public Affairs in 1985, from Georgia State University. He was appointed a Regular Army Commission in the Medical Service Corps in 1985. Upon completion of Army Rotary Wing Flight School and the UH60 transition, he was assigned to Ft. Kobbe, Panama.

COL Carnazza served in the 1-228th Aviation Regiment, 214th Medical Detachment (RG) as Flight Section Leader from 1987-88 and as the Flight Operations Officer, 1989-90 during ***“Operation Just Cause”***. In February of 1990, he was assigned to the 498th Medical Company (AA) at Ft. Benning, Georgia. During this tour with the 498th, he served as Detachment Commander while forward deployed to the 4-228th Avn Battalion, JTF-Bravo, Honduras from March - July 1990 and participated in the United Nations relocating Nicaraguan Resistance Fighters in ***“Operation Amigo”***. In August of 1990, the 498th (AA) began the deployment process in response to ***“Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm”***, he served as First Flight Platoon Leader in direct support of the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division. In 1993, COL Carnazza attended the AMEDD Officer Advanced Course and then assigned to Ft. Rucker, Alabama. He served as the Course Director for the Aeromedical Evacuation Officer's Course (2C-F7) from 1993-1995. In July of 1995, he was reassigned to Ft Hood Texas, 1st Medical Group, 61st Area Support Battalion as the Battalion Operations Officer. In 1996, he was selected for resident Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, class 1997. Following CGSC, COL Carnazza commanded the 489th Medical Company (AA), Ft. Benning, Georgia, July 1997- July 1999. The 498th deployed to Central America as a part of JTF Aguila, for ***“Operation Fuerte Apoyo”***, a disaster relief mission to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras do to the effects of Hurricane Mitch.

Following command, he served as the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Surgeon General for Force Sustainment, Office of the Surgeon General/Medical Command, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas from August 1999 - August 2001. COL Carnazza served in the 32nd Medical Brigade as the Executive Officer from September 2001 - January 2003. During his tour at Pacific Regional Medical Command he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations for the Pacific Medical Region, serving from January 2003 - January 2006. He was then reassigned to the United States Army School of Aviation Medicine at Ft. Rucker, as the Assistant Dean from February 2006 to July 2006. He was selected as the Dean and served from August 2006 to July 2007. In July 2007, COL Carnazza attended resident Senior Service College at the Air War College, academic year 2008. Upon graduation, he returned to United States School of Aviation Medicine. In September and November of 2008, he was part of Ft Leavenworth's Lesson Learned Initial Impressions Report Team, deployed to Afghanistan to observe the Aviation Task Force operations and capture current TTP's for MEDEVAC operations. As of 18 June 2011, COL Carnazza is again serving as the Dean, USASAM.

COL Carnazza is a graduate of the AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Aeromedical Evacuation Officer Course (2C-F7 Course), Rotary and Multi-Engine Fixed Wing Course, Faculty Development Course, Crash Survival Investigators Course, Combined Arms Services School and Command and General Staff College, Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Course, AMEDD Executive Skills Course, and TRADOC's Senior Training Managers Course and resident Senior Service College.

Included among his awards and decorations: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Air Medal #3, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal (1 OLC) Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), National Defense Service Medal (1 star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Ribbon (3 stars), Humanitarian Service Medal (2 stars), Kuwait Liberation Medal, Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Overseas ribbon #2, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Airborne and Air Assault badges. Also, he was selected as a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit in 2002.